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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, September 8, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE DRIEHAUS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, creator of the Earth, the sea and the sky, everything is of Your

making and all gives You glory.

This holiday weekend urges us to beg Your blessing upon our labors. Whether our work is handcrafted or managed by computer or machine, harvested from the field or designed in a laboratory, whether our service takes shape in public form, in aerospace or private industry, whether in courtroom, hospital, school, home, or in the halls of government, Lord, bless the work of Your people. Bless this Nation.

Our human labor drains our energy, fixes our mind, and uncovers our creativity. Daily work adds dignity and accomplishment to daily life and all human effort. When our work is expanded to others, hopefully it benefits our brothers and sisters. When offered to You as an act of worship, it becomes holy. Grant success to the work of our hands, Lord, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRK-PATRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 4, 2009.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 4, 2009, at 12:01 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 774.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 987.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1271.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1397.

That the Senate passed without amendment $H.R.\ 2090.$

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2162.

That the Senate passed without amend-

ment H.R. 2325.
That the Senate passed without amend-

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2422.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2470.

Appointments: Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. With best wishes, I am Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

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The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 4, 2009, at 3:14 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 748. That the Senate passed S. 1211. That the Senate passed S. 1314. With best wishes, I am Sincerely.

LORRAINE C. MILLER, Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, August 5, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 5, 2009, at 10:03 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 44.

 \Box This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., \Box 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

